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Introduction

1. The technical cooperation programme in the field of human rights is a United Nations programme implemented under the leadership of the High Commissioner for Human Rights aimed at assisting Governments, at their request, in promoting and protecting human rights at the national and regional levels. In particular, assistance is provided on incorporating international human rights standards in national laws, policies and practices and building national capacity and regional structures for the promotion and protection of all human rights, democracy and the rule of law. All assistance provided by the High Commissioner/Centre for Human Rights (HC/CHR) under the technical cooperation programme is based on the international standards contained in the human rights instruments adopted by the United Nations and on international practice in applying those standards in all regions of the world. Programme activities are carried out within the context of national development objectives and coordinated United Nations system assistance in support of those objectives.

2. Technical cooperation activities are carried out exclusively within the framework of the relevant legislative mandates and at the request and with the agreement of the Government concerned. Activities under this programme are not made conditional on the acceptance of, or participation in, other activities of the human rights programme. Technical cooperation activities, however, do not exempt Governments from the various monitoring mechanisms or procedures which may be established by policy-making bodies.

3. Under the technical cooperation programme, requesting Governments are assisted in building national capacity to implement applicable international human rights standards, including those which are contained in the various human rights treaties. The programme offers a wide range of human rights assistance to requesting Governments including: the promotion of democratic institutions, development and human rights; human rights training and support to parliament, the judiciary, and police, military and prison officials; constitutional assistance; legislative reform and the administration of justice; the establishment and strengthening of national human rights institutions; the human rights aspects of free and fair elections; the promotion of human rights education, including curriculum development; and support to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society institutions. Expert advice and assistance is also available for human rights issues, such as the formulation and implementation of comprehensive human rights national plans of action; investigation into, and compensation of, victims of human rights abuses; and assisting with projects relating to economic, social and cultural rights and the right to development.

4. Technical cooperation projects are developed in close cooperation with the requesting Government and the United Nations agencies present in the country concerned. Assistance may take the form of expertise, advisory services, training courses, workshops and seminars, fellowships, grants and the provision of information and documentation. Implementation of more comprehensive and long-term projects may require the presence of project experts based in the country. In carrying out technical cooperation activities, HC/CHR draws upon a roster of experts having specialized knowledge

and experience in key areas addressed under the programme. The expertise developed among staff members is also used to implement technical cooperation activities.

5. Under the programme major human rights activities are also carried out at the regional level, including, for example, human rights training for government officials and representatives of civil society organizations; support for creating regional networks; and the establishment and strengthening of regional human rights arrangements. At the global level, activities include various human rights education initiatives, and human rights training for the military and peace-keeping operations, as well as for international civil servants, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action.

6. Several manuals, handbooks and modules are being produced to support training and other technical cooperation activities of the programme. Existing or planned materials are aimed at specific audiences, such as the police, judges and lawyers, prison personnel, the armed forces, teachers and human rights monitors involved in United Nations field operations. Special materials are also produced under the programme which are adapted specifically to the recipient country in order to facilitate the integration of human rights into existing training programmes and curricula.

7. The High Commissioner has established that the programme should focus on countries or regions in transition to democracy; and that priority consideration should be given to requests for cooperation with respect to projects that strengthen national capacities for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as projects addressing mandates emanating from the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action and United Nations legislative bodies, such as the promotion of economic, social and cultural rights, national plans of action and national institutions. Priority is also given to technical cooperation projects responding to the needs of less developed countries.

8. Other important factors determining possible programmes of technical cooperation that HC/CHR provides to Member States at their request are: specific recommendations made by the United Nations human rights treaty monitoring bodies; recommendations by the Commission on Human Rights and its mechanisms, including the representatives of the Secretary-General, the special rapporteurs on thematic or country situations and the various working groups; the recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation; and the views expressed by national human rights institutions and national and international NGOs.

9. Funding for the technical cooperation programme is provided under the regular budget of the United Nations with additional financial support being provided by the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights (established pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/38). Specific projects are sometimes funded or co-funded by other agencies and programmes of the United Nations system.

10. Following a steadily increasing number of requests for assistance by Governments, the number of technical cooperation activities implemented by HC/CHR has grown dramatically in recent years. In an effort to respond

effectively to the increase in requests, the management of the programme has been strengthened and greater emphasis has been placed on effective methodology and efficient project formulation, management, monitoring and evaluation to ensure the high quality of projects carried out under the programme.

11. Technical cooperation projects are approved by the High Commissioner following the advice provided by the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund, which also monitors programme expenditures. Status reports on the Voluntary Fund and on project activities are prepared quarterly and made available to Member States to ensure maximum transparency and accountability in the management of technical cooperation.

12. It is the policy of the High Commissioner that all assistance provided under the technical cooperation programme must be carried out in close coordination with other United Nations bodies and agencies. This requires a permanent dialogue with those agencies and programmes most directly concerned so as to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the programme and avoid unnecessary duplication. In 1996, for example, several projects to establish national institutions were developed jointly by HC/CHR and UNDP with resources from both organizations. In addition, the programme provided substantive input in the drafting of Country Strategic Notes in several countries at the request of the United Nations Resident Coordinator. Under the United Nations programme approach outlined in General Assembly resolution 44/211, the technical cooperation programme works closely with United Nations agencies and programmes active in the country concerned, cooperating with the Organization's Resident Coordinator in ensuring that the HC/CHR contribution is part of a coordinated United Nations system intervention and complementary to the projects of other actors in support of the Government's goals, programmes and plans of action. In every case, the focus is on coordinated national capacity building, aimed at sustained development progress and the eventual obsolescence of external assistance.

13. Similarly, HC/CHR works closely with regional organizations, such as the Council of Europe, the Organization of African Unity and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Commission, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, in the implementation of technical cooperation projects within specific regions.

14. In accordance with his mandate to consolidate system-wide efforts for the provision of human rights technical assistance, the High Commissioner has stressed that the integration of human rights - including the right to development - into the full range of United Nations technical cooperation activities, offers the best means of achieving an environment, at the national and international levels, in which human rights can be fully respected and effectively protected.

I. THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME IN 1996

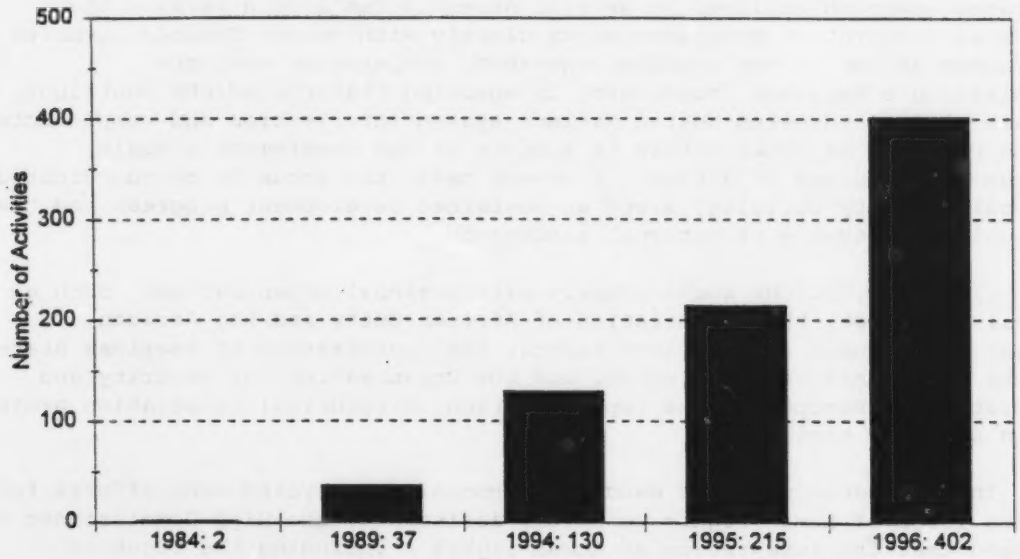
15. To avoid duplicating information which is readily available elsewhere, the present report to the Commission focuses on activities undertaken in 1996, with particular emphasis on new developments and trends. More detailed

information, including the specific kinds of assistance available under the programme, is available in Human Rights Fact Sheet No. 3 (Rev.1), Advisory Services and Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights. Materials on the technical cooperation programme, including many which are referred to in the present report, may be found on the United Nations Human Rights Website (Internet address: http://www.unhchr.ch).

A. Programme and budget overview

16. During 1996, 39 technical cooperation projects 1/ were carried out in 21 States. In addition, nine projects were implemented at the regional level and nine at the global level. The number of activities 2/ carried out under these projects rose from 2 in 1984, 37 in 1989, 130 in 1994, 215 in 1995 to 402 in 1996 (see table 1). This means that the number of activities have more than tripled since 1994, although the level of staffing under the technical cooperation programme has not increased during the same period. The programme has thus proved to be cost effective and able to deliver a high quality and level of activities with limited resources. A summary of activities carried out in 1996 by country, region and at the global level, is provided in annex I.

Table 1. Technical cooperation programme growth - activities by year



17. As for financial resources, voluntary contributions have increased by approximately 40 per cent over the past two years. However, the 1996-1997 regular budget for technical cooperation in the field of human rights has decreased by half as compared to the biennium 1994-1995. The total expenditure for technical cooperation in 1996 was US$ 6,507,200, of which US$ 1,220,600 was financed through the regular budget of the United Nations and US$ 5,286,600 was financed through the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights. Contributions to the Voluntary Fund in 1996 amounted to US$ 4.7 million. As of December 1996,

total programming resources amounted to US$ 7.1 million, while US$ 14.5 million was required to finance a total of 52 ongoing and planned projects. During the past year, additional funding requirements for those projects have risen from US$ 5.2 million to US$ 7.4 million. Information on income and expenditures for 1996 under the Voluntary Fund is provided in annex II. Contributions to the Fund in recent years are listed in annex III.

18. As of 31 January 1997, a total of 44 projects were either being implemented or had been approved and were scheduled to begin in 1997. The distribution of projects and projected expenditures by region is shown in table 2.

Table 2. Technical cooperation projects and projected expenditures by region (as of 31 January 1997)

REGION	NO. OF PROJECTS	EXPENDITURES US$
Africa	11	4 812 989
Asia and the Pacific	6	3 702 912
Central and Eastern Europe	6	1 403 712
Latin America and the Caribbean	9	4 120 551
Interregional	2	512 352
Global	10	4 147 512
Total	44	18 700 028

B. Administration and management

19. Significant changes were introduced in 1995 to the working methods employed under the technical cooperation programme. HC/CHR adopted the "logical framework method" of project formulation, the leading methodology for project design now being used by most major international organizations in the field of technical cooperation, in an effort to improve the quality of projects. Subsequently, all technical cooperation staff were trained in project design, management, monitoring and evaluation. In 1996, the new procedures and methodology were applied and fully integrated into the programme.

20. Consultants are hired for short-term assignments to support various technical cooperation activities in the field. During 1996, 82 consultants specializing in various areas of expertise were engaged by the programme. This represents a 64 per cent increase compared to the previous year, reflecting the growth of the programme. Consultants from developing countries have increased from 54 per cent in 1995 to 68 per cent and the number of women

consultants increased by 64 per cent in 1996. This reflects a serious effort by the programme management to mobilize the available expertise from developing countries and from among women.

21. Comprehensive reports continue to be issued each quarter (in English only) covering the status of all ongoing and planned project activities, as well as the status of contributions to the Voluntary Fund.

C. New directions in technical cooperation

22. Building on the important progress achieved in 1995 and 1996 in strengthening project management, new efforts are now being made to strengthen further the substantive aspects of the programme. Steps were taken in 1996 to improve the integration of two key areas into the work of the technical cooperation programme: women's rights and economic, social and cultural rights. Accordingly, two global projects were initiated by the technical cooperation team and submitted to the Board of Trustees. The projects were subsequently endorsed by the Board at its sixth session.

23. With respect to women, there are clear directives in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and the Beijing Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as in Commission on Human Rights resolutions, concerning the integration of the human rights of women into technical cooperation activities. The small number of requests from Governments for technical assistance on women's rights issues had impeded the development of expertise and relevant project components in this area. To remedy the situation, a one-year project has been endorsed by the Board of the Voluntary Fund to facilitate the integration of a gender perspective into all aspects of technical cooperation practices and procedures - from the needs assessment and project formulation phases to monitoring and evaluation.

24. For similar reasons, the programme also needed to be strengthened in the area of economic, social and cultural rights, as most requests from Member States have traditionally concerned the implementation of civil and political rights. A one-year project entitled "Integration of economic, social and cultural rights into technical cooperation practices and procedures" has therefore been endorsed by the Board.

25. The two projects will involve five distinct steps, to be implemented consecutively: (a) a detailed assessment of past and current technical cooperation practices with respect to both gender and economic, social and cultural rights; (b) the collection and collation of relevant expertise from other United Nations technical cooperation agencies; (c) the drafting of a working paper; (d) the convening of a small working group to review this material and to develop draft procedures and guidelines, as well as proposals, for the revision of existing procedures and documentation; and (e) the field-testing of the draft procedures and guidelines in the context of selected technical cooperation projects and activities. These two projects, which will be implemented in 1997, represent an important step forward in ensuring that the interdependence of all human rights - civil, cultural, economic, political and social - is reflected in the technical cooperation programme. The initiatives also recognize the importance of promoting a

balanced and sustainable development for all people and of achieving progress in the realization of the right to development, as established in the Declaration on the Right to Development.

D. Methodology

26. HC/CHR, in most cases, responds to a Government's request by conducting an assessment of the country's particular needs, priorities and capacities in the field of human rights. This is usually done by fielding a needs assessment mission consisting of both staff and consultants. The assessment team meets with interested parties, both governmental and non-governmental, in close cooperation with the United Nations Resident Coordinator, United Nations agencies and programmes, as well as local donors, and compiles detailed information on current policies, legislation, and human and financial capacities in key areas. The team thereby ensures that there is a clear understanding of government priorities, objectives, programmes and plans of action. The subsequent report provides the framework for developing possible future technical cooperation activities to strengthen national efforts in identified areas and contribute to the achievement of national objectives, ensures coordination with existing or planned assistance from other donors and sometimes facilitates additional support from other international sources. In 1996, needs assessment missions were undertaken in Cameroon, Croatia, Kuwait, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, the Philippines and South Africa.

27. Following the needs assessment mission report, HC/CHR is usually requested to develop, in partnership with the Government, a project document focusing on the problems to be addressed and solved by the project. The document describes the situation which required the development of a project and the reasons the project is initiated; outlines the plan of what will be done and what will be produced when and by whom; and assesses the situation that is expected to exist and what will happen when the project ends. The project document is also a contract outlining the obligations of each partner in the project; provides the basis for accountability; includes a guide to planning and implementation; and provides the framework for evaluation and the criteria by which the success of the project will be assessed.

28. In many cases, a project formulation mission is undertaken by staff to enable them to consult closely with the Government and other partners on the final design of the proposed project, including problem analysis and definition, the identification of the intended solution and a strategy for achieving it. The mission also outlines the most appropriate inputs and implementation arrangements for the production of project outputs; the risks involved and how they can be avoided; and what financial resources are needed from HC/CHR and the Government concerned. In 1996, project formulation missions were undertaken in Bolivia, Georgia, Guatemala, Morocco, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and Viet Nam.

29. As part of the new procedures and working methods being applied since 1995, periodic monitoring missions are undertaken. The purpose of such missions is to record progress, to ensure efficient and effective project implementation, to identify any problems with a view to adapting project

activities accordingly and to adjust to new needs and conditions not foreseen at the design stage. In 1996, project monitoring missions were undertaken in Argentina, Equatorial Guinea, Malawi and Papua New Guinea.

30. The final phase of a project cycle is a project evaluation once all activities provided for under the project have been completed. All evaluations are carried out by independent consultants, who assess the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the project activities and results. This process ensures that lessons learned are applied in the design and implementation of future projects, both in the country concerned and elsewhere. During 1996, independent evaluations were carried out in connection with projects in Argentina, Cambodia, Sao Tome and Principe and the Slovak Republic. Other project evaluations are scheduled to take place for projects in Benin, Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, Poland and other countries.

31. Work is under way to ensure that key technical cooperation reports, particularly needs assessments and evaluations, are made available on the United Nations Human Rights Website.

E. Support to the Voluntary Fund

32. The Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation was set up in 1993, pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/87, to advise the Secretary-General on the administration and operation of the Fund and to encourage contributions to the Fund. As at 31 December 1996, the Board was composed of the following members: Ms. Leila I. Takla (Egypt), Chairperson; Mr. Luis Pérez Aguirre (Uruguay); Ms. Anne-Marie Lizin (Belgium); Mr. Kinhide Mushakoji (Japan); and Mr. Krzysztof Skubiszewski (Poland). The Board is serviced by HC/CHR under the technical cooperation programme. A full-time Coordinator of the Fund was seconded by UNDP and served as Secretary of the Board until June 1996. HC/CHR is at present consulting with UNDP concerning the appointment of a successor.

33. In 1996, the Board held its fifth and sixth sessions from 25 to 28 June and from 19 to 22 November respectively. During its meetings and through correspondence, the Board considered 25 new project proposals; reviewed recently completed and current projects and activities; discussed project priorities, formats and procedures, and criteria for project identification, formulation and evaluation; and examined financial and administrative matters concerning the Fund. The reports of the Board are available from the Secretariat and will eventually be included on the United Nations Human Rights Website.

34. Since its establishment, the Board has played a crucial role in setting up and operationalizing efficient and transparent management procedures. It is therefore essential that the mandate of the Board be extended for another term by the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-third session.

F. Fellowship programme activities

35. Participants in fellowship activities receive intensive specialized training on a variety of human rights issues. Given the importance of the reporting process under the United Nations human rights treaties and the large

number of reports which are overdue from States parties, and the assistance needs expressed in this area by numerous Member States, the fellowship programme focused in 1996 on the theme "Reporting under the international human rights treaties". A comprehensive 19-day training programme was conducted at the ILO Training Centre in Turin. Twenty-two fellows from 21 countries attended.

36. A regional training course in Spanish on reporting under the human rights treaties was also held in Argentina in November 1996 for 26 participants from 16 countries in Latin America, as well as Equatorial Guinea.

G. Training materials developed to support technical cooperation

37. As part of its efforts to tailor training of trainers' courses for specialized audiences, HC/CHR is developing a series of training manuals for use by both instructors and participants. Each manual contains the international standards relevant to the target audience, together with detailed advice on appropriate pedagogical techniques. In addition to enhancing training efforts carried out under the technical cooperation programme, the manuals constitute a valuable resource for organizations and individuals involved in human rights education at all levels.

38. In 1996, a major training package for the police was finalized, including a training manual for police trainers which provides session outlines on a full range of human rights topics, group exercises, instructions and tips for trainers and a number of training tools, such as overhead transparencies. The training package also includes the Pocket Guide on Human Rights Standards for the Police which is designed to be a readily accessible and portable reference for law enforcement officers; it contains hundreds of standards in simplified format, organized according to police duties, functions and topics. The training package has been tested and developed in numerous training courses organized by HC/CHR in different countries over the past three years. In 1996, following a course for police trainers in Malawi, a specially adapted version was produced for Malawian police trainers and presented to the Inspector General of Police.

39. As part of the technical cooperation project in support of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, HC/CHR is planning to produce six more packages to support training activities for the following groups: prison officers; primary and secondary schoolteachers; legal professionals (judges, magistrates, prosecutors and lawyers); national and local NGOs; the media; and human rights monitors. Work on the training packages began in 1996 and is being carried out in cooperation with relevant specialized experts and organizations. The packages are expected to be completed by the end of 1997. In addition, three human rights handbooks, on constitutions, parliament and conflict resolution, and a publication for children are to be prepared under the human rights education project currently being implemented.

40. Lastly, two trainers' guides on human rights for civilian police and military trainers of peace-keepers were developed in 1996 and produced in connection with the two training courses conducted in cooperation with the Department of Peace-Keeping Operations, UNHCR and the ILO Training Centre.

H. Global assistance survey

41. Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 96/55, paragraph 13, an analysis of all multilateral and bilateral assistance programmes in the field of human rights is being undertaken by HC/CHR. Accordingly, requests for information are being sent to several hundred agencies and organizations. In order to ensure that the requested compilation and analysis of that information is as complete as possible, it will be submitted to the Commission at its next session.

II. TECHNICAL COOPERATION FIELD ACTIVITIES IN 1996

A. Multi-year national projects completed

42. During 1996, the following four multi-year technical cooperation projects were completed:

In Albania, a project which began in 1992 to provide human rights training for various professional groups and to support the establishment of a human rights documentation and research centre was completed. An independent evaluation of the project is scheduled to take place in mid-1997.

In Benin, a multi-component project which began in 1993 was completed in October 1996. During these years, the technical cooperation programme provided support and assistance for a variety of human rights issues, including: training for reporting under human rights treaties; advice on the draft code of criminal procedure; training on the rights of prisoners and detainees; training and assistance for human rights education and curriculum development; and training for journalists and broadcasters on human rights and the mass media. An independent evaluation of the project is scheduled to take place in 1997.

In Sao Tome and Principe, a multi-component project which began in 1994 was completed in November 1996. Assistance provided included: provision of human rights publications and documentation to prisons; assistance aiming at further accession to human rights treaties; support to a legal library; training in the administration of justice; and a fellowship on documentation and information handling. An independent evaluation of the project took place in December.

In Slovakia, a two-year project to support the establishment of a national human rights centre was completed and an independent evaluation of the project was carried out in March 1996.

B. New national projects under implementation

43. Implementation of major multi-year technical cooperation projects began during 1996 in Argentina, Burundi, Latvia, Nepal, Palestine, Papua New Guinea and Togo (more information on those projects is contained in section E below). In addition, implementation began in 1996 of a 15-month project in Haiti to strengthen the judicial system and assist in national reconciliation by supporting the work of the National Commission on Truth and Justice. The project provides for convening a high-level colloquium on the administration of justice, with a view to analysing and reforming the criminal code; the provision of expertise to assist in legal review; and training for judges, prosecutors, prison officials, police and educators.

C. Regional and global projects implemented

44. Although most of the activities carried out under the technical cooperation programme take place at the national level, a growing number of projects are being implemented at the regional and global levels. During 1996, global activities concerned a wide range of issues, including women's rights, training for peace-keepers and human rights monitors, training for the military and human rights education. Regional activities took place in the African, Asian and Pacific, Latin American and Eastern European regions. For a summary of all global and regional activities undertaken in 1996, see annex I.

D. Field presence

45. As of 31 December 1996, there was a technical cooperation field presence in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia, Gaza (Palestine), Malawi, Mongolia, Rwanda and Togo. There are now more technical cooperation personnel in the field than ever before. This a direct reflection of the growth in large-scale projects intended to provide comprehensive, specialized expertise to recipient countries in key areas such as the strengthening of national human rights institutions or the development of training capacities. In Burundi, for example, a team of national and international experts has elaborated and implemented judicial training programmes and other activities aimed at introducing human rights education in the curriculum, strengthening NGOs and enhancing the role of the media in the promotion of human rights. Experts were also deployed for several months in Latvia and Papua New Guinea under projects aimed at strengthening technical and managerial capacities in national human rights institutions in those countries. These examples serve to illustrate the growing awareness that successful technical cooperation requires a continuing emphasis on internal capacity-building.

46. A project management team was established in Gaza (Palestine) and national project managers were appointed in Malawi, Mongolia and Togo to facilitate the implementation of projects. Those arrangements draw on national expertise to the largest extent possible, strengthening the recipient countries' ownership of technical cooperation initiatives and contributing to building national human rights capacities.

47. The technical cooperation programme in Cambodia remains the largest technical cooperation initiative of HC/CHR and provides a model for United Nations action in the area of institution and national capacity building in post-conflict countries. A significant number of technical cooperation activities have been carried out by the Cambodia programme since it was established in 1993. The five programme priority areas are:

Building institutions and legal structures for human rights and democracy through: provision of assistance for the establishment of a legal framework consistent with international human rights standards; assistance to the National Assembly, particularly its Committee on Human Rights and Reception of Complaints; and assistance in reporting under international human rights treaties;

Securing a system for the administration of justice consistent with international standards through assistance in drafting basic laws; training, assistance and human rights documentation for the courts; provision of training to police and prison personnel; assistance in drafting prison rules and regulations; and training of paralegals;

Strengthening civil society organizations through technical and financial assistance to newly established human rights NGOs; training media professionals; human rights training for women's groups and other community organizations;

Support for human rights activities at the local and provincial levels through the establishment of a provincial network of sub-offices of the Cambodia Office for the provision of training and information to local communities and local branches of NGOs;

Raising awareness of human rights and encouraging popular support for democratic reforms and institutions through dissemination of human rights materials in both printed and audiovisual form; the translation into Khmer of materials on international standards; development of human rights curricula in the schools; and the training of teachers.

E. New projects approved

48. In 1996, 26 projects were endorsed by the Board of the Voluntary Fund and approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Thirteen are to be implemented at the national level, nine at the regional level and four at the global level. Most provide comprehensive assistance to a variety of national counterparts aimed at strengthening national capacity. The following is a brief description of the projects approved in 1996. More detailed information on each is contained in the project fact sheets, which may be consulted on the United Nations Human Rights Website under "Technical Cooperation". Printed copies of all project fact sheets may be obtained from the Secretariat.

1. National projects

In Argentina, a two-year project to follow a one-year project which began in 1994. The new project provides for human rights training and workshops for educators; organization of a regional conference on the

prison system and human rights, with emphasis on women, minors and persons infected with HIV; holding of a high-level seminar on constitutional reform; support for national institutions; and support for human rights information networking and databasing. Implementation of the project began in May 1996.

In Armenia, a two-year project to provide human rights training to government officials, high court judges, lawyers, prosecutors, law professors, NGOs and representatives of minority groups and the media; translation and dissemination of human rights materials; and assistance in judicial and legal reform. Implementation of the project began in November 1996.

In Bhutan, an 18-month project of training and fellowships for judges, magistrates, paralegals, police and prison officials; training on reporting obligations; and provision of human rights publications and documentation. Implementation will begin in 1997.

In Burundi, a one-year project focusing on human rights education within the armed forces and the Ministry of Education, training of journalists, magistrates and court clerks, public education through radio and television programmes, and activities to promote human rights among youth and NGOs. Another one-year legal assistance project was developed during 1996 for assistance in processing a backlog of cases concerning serious human rights violations before the appeal courts. Implementation will begin in 1997.

In Guatemala, an 18-month project, in cooperation with UNDP and the United Nations Mission to Guatemala (MINUGUA), to strengthen civil society and government structures concerned with human rights, particularly with respect to monitoring and reporting on human rights violations; support to the human rights Ombudsman; establishing a human rights library for the judiciary; training in reporting under human rights treaties and training in international human rights standards for community and indigenous peoples' organizations. The project also includes training for police trainers, including the translation of the HC/CHR police training manual. Implementation will begin in 1997.

In Latvia, a two-year project, which began in 1996, to strengthen the capacity of the Latvian Human Rights Office by providing training for staff, support for developing links with other human rights organizations and both long- and short-term consultancies to provide advice to strengthen the institutional, technical and managerial capacities of this independent human rights institution. Implementation will begin in 1997.

In Malawi, a two-year comprehensive project for the consolidation of democracy, including assistance in establishing the Human Rights Commission; support for the Law Commission, the National Compensation Tribunal and the Inspectorate of Prisons; training for police, prison

officers and military and electoral personnel, as well as for judges, lawyers and prosecutors; and training of officials for reporting under human rights treaties. Implementation of the revised project began in 1996.

In Nepal, a two-year project which includes a workshop on human rights and development; training for police; a criminal procedures workshop; human rights training for NGOs; a workshop on women's rights; assistance for the establishment of a human rights commission; provision and translation of human rights publications and documents; and fellowships for government officials. Implementation began in November 1996.

In Palestine, a two-year comprehensive project for strengthening the rule of law and development of a coherent legal framework consistent with international standards. The project includes assistance for a national plan of action and improving the administration of justice; training for police, prison personnel, judges, lawyers and prosecutors; and support to key institutions and NGOs, particularly in the area of women's rights. A project management team was established in Gaza in November to begin implementation of the project.

In Papua New Guinea, comprehensive support and assistance for the establishment of a human rights commission. Implementation of the project began in August 1996.

In Paraguay, a project was designed to provide assistance in the elaboration and implementation of a national plan of action on human rights. Implementation will begin in 1997.

In Rwanda, a training programme in human rights, democracy and the rule of law for senior military instructors. Implementation began in 1996.

In Togo, a three-year project of assistance to support the administration of justice and human rights education through training, the provision of human rights publications and documentation, support for NGOs and the establishment of a human rights information and documentation centre. Implementation of the project began in April 1996.

2. Regional and interregional projects

An annual intergovernmental workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region was held in Kathmandu in February 1996.

A workshop in cooperation with UNDP to strengthen regional cooperation among national human rights institutions in the Commonwealth of Independent States, as well as in Eastern and Central Europe, was implemented in 1996.

A regional project on human rights training for heads of military academies in Africa, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, was designed in 1996 and will be implemented in 1997.

A one-year project, in cooperation with the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD) to collect data on human rights conditions in prisons in Central America, as well as to assess needs. A seminar is planned to discuss the findings and devise regional and national strategies for improving the prison systems in Central American countries. Implementation of the project began in September 1996.

A two-year project, in cooperation with the Arab Institute for Human Rights, to hold two regional and three national training courses for NGOs and one regional training course for trainers; develop three training manuals; and support an internship programme for human rights documentalists in the Arab region. Implementation of the project began in June 1996.

A project, in cooperation with the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, to hold a regional workshop on the establishment and strengthening of national human rights institutions. The workshop, held in Darwin, Australia during July 1996, decided to establish a regional forum to enhance cooperation among national institutions in the Asian and Pacific region.

A project, in cooperation with the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms (Cameroon), to host the First Regional Conference of African National Human Rights Institutions. The Conference, held in February, enabled national human rights institutions in Africa to exchange information, experience and expertise for the first time.

A two-year project, in cooperation with the Andean Commission of Jurists (CAJ) to strengthen the administration of justice in the Andean region through the development of a database of judicial indicators; the creation of a regional information network; and the training of magistrates. Implementation of the project has begun.

A one-year project, in cooperation with ILANUD to improve police human rights practices in Central America and Panama through: the preparation of case studies and study guidelines; the holding of three training courses for police; development and production of training materials suitable for use in the subregion; the preparation of a study on community policing in four countries and the holding of a regional seminar on community policing with a view to developing guidelines. The project is being implemented as a pilot project in Costa Rica and is intended to serve as a model to be adapted for use in other countries. Implementation of the project began in 1996.

3. Global projects

A human rights training project for senior military instructors from Portuguese-speaking African States and Balkan and Central Asian States; following a training course, participants are being linked to a network to provide mutual support in organizing follow-up seminars and courses at the regional, subregional and national levels. The training project took place in Turin, Italy during April and May 1996.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina and in eastern Slavonia, a major training course on human rights monitoring and law enforcement for International Police Task Force (IPTF) members of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) and for civilian police monitors of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Eastern Slavonia (UNTAES) between May and October 1996. This human rights project, comprising 34 group training activities, was one of the most extensive ever carried out for peace-keeping personnel.

A two-year project, in cooperation with UNESCO, to implement the Plan of Action for the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004) through: the collection and dissemination of information on existing programmes and materials at the international, regional and national levels; the development and dissemination of materials and methodologies for human rights education; and the development of strategies to involve the media in the promotion of human rights. Implementation of the project began in May 1996.

A one-year project to develop a comprehensive human rights training package and a three-year global project to strengthen human rights culture within the military throughout the world. An expert consultation meeting was held in July 1996 to review draft training material.

Two projects, in cooperation with the Department of Peace-keeping Operations of the United Nations and (for one of the projects) UNHCR and the ILO Training Centre, on peace-keeping and human rights for military and civilian police trainers. The training took place in May-June and in November-December 1996 in Turin.

F. New requests received

49. In recent years, the number of requests from Governments for technical assistance has risen dramatically. This is due to several factors, including a growing awareness among Member States of the need for technical cooperation in the field of human rights; and the development of democratic changes and processes in numerous countries. This has substantially strained both the financial and human resources of the programme, which have not grown commensurately. HC/CHR is, however, striving to ensure a timely response to requests, including the mobilizing of additional resources from voluntary contributions.

50. During 1996, requests for assistance were received from 18 Member States. As of 31 December 1996, requests for assistance from the following countries were under consideration: Chad (assistance for strengthening the National Commission); Ecuador (support for human rights education in schools); Ethiopia (assistance for a seminar on international human rights standards); Honduras (assistance for preparation of the country report to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights); Hungary (assistance for strengthening human rights capacities); Iran (Islamic Republic of) (assistance in the area of prisons and training of judges); Jordan (assistance under the Decade for

Human Rights Education); Mali (a needs assessment mission to develop technical cooperation activities); Panama (assistance for training law enforcement officials); Sudan (assistance concerning human rights education); and Uganda (assistance in establishing a human rights commission).

G. National projects being developed or approved

51. At 31 December 1996, country specific projects were at an advanced stage of preparation or approval for the following 17 countries: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burundi, Chile, El Salvador, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Morocco, Namibia, Panama, South Africa and Viet Nam.

Notes

1/ A project is a planned undertaking of interrelated and coordinated activities designed to achieve specific objectives within a given budget and within a specified period of time with an organization that is dismantled at the end of the project.

2/ Activities include training courses, seminars, advisory services of experts, information projects, grants, fellowships and needs assessment/project formulation/monitoring/evaluation missions.

Annex I

TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 1996

Country/ region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Albania	(a) Establishment of a human rights documentation and research centre (UNV expert deployed)	Voluntary Fund	1996 Tirana	Last phase of multi-year project under implementation
Argentina	(a) Evaluation mission	Voluntary Fund	(a) Mar. 1996	Two-year project under implementation since May 1996
	(b) Provision of one fellowship at the Institute of Human Rights		(b) June 1996 Costa Rica	
	(c) Provision of two fellowships at the International Institute of Human Rights		(c) July 1996 Strasbourg	
	(d) One training course for judges organized		(d) June 1996	
	(e) Two training courses for law enforcement officers carried out		(e) Oct. 1996	
	(f) Publication of periodical journal on human rights issues (children's rights)		(f) Oct. 1996	
	(g) One training course for teachers carried out		(g) Nov. 1996 Buenos Aires	
Armenia	(a) Project formulated, signed, and approved	Voluntary Fund	(a) 1996 Geneva	Project formulated following needs assessment mission; two-year multi-component project under implementation since Nov. 96
	(b) Two fellowships for training on reporting obligations		(b) Nov. 1996 Turin	
Azerbaijan	(a) Project formulated	Voluntary Fund	(a) 1996 Geneva	A project document is under consideration by the Government
	(b) Two fellowships for training on reporting obligations		(b) Nov. 1996 Turin	

Country/ region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Bangladesh	Mission by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions to advise on the establishment of a national human rights commission	Voluntary Fund	December 1996	Follow-up under consideration
Belarus	Project formulated for strengthening capacities and infrastructures for the promotion and protection of human rights. Joint UNDP and HC/CHR project	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	Project based upon HC/CHR and UNDP needs assessment, to be implemented in 1997
Benin	(a) Training course on independence of the judiciary	Voluntary Fund	(a) Feb. 1996	Three-year multi-component project completed
	(b) Four fellowships for training at the International Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg		(b) July 1996	
	(c) One fellowship for training at the Canadian Human Rights Commission		(c) July-Aug. 1996	
	(d) Training course on human rights and penitentiary system		(d) May 1996	
	(e) Provision of equipment to the Institute for Human Rights and Democracy		(e) July 1996	
	(f) Assistance to the Ministry of Justice, Legislation and Human Rights for the organization of the training course, including technical publications		(f) Oct. 1996	
	(g) Final evaluation of project to be carried out in January 1997		(g) Jan. 1997 Cotonou	
Bolivia	(a) Project formulation mission (jointly with UNDP)	Voluntary Fund	(a) May 1996	Project formulated following needs assessment; to be funded and implemented in cooperation with UNDP
	(b) Project for support to the implementation of a national plan of action has been formulated		(b) 1996	

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Botswana	Request for needs assessment mission on governance and human rights, in partnership with UNDP		December 1996	Joint UNDP and HC/CHR mission, to take place in mid-1997
Burundi	(a) Twelve human rights media programmes produced and broadcast on national radio and television	Voluntary Fund	(a) July-Dec. 1996	Ongoing three-year technical cooperation project, coordinated and implemented by HC/CHR team in Bujumbura
	(b) Nine human rights group training activities for youth in collaboration with local NGOs		(b) Aug.-Sept. 1996	
	(c) A two-week youth camp organized for rebuilding a school		(c) Oct. 1996	
	(d) Human rights media campaign carried out jointly with NGOs		(d) Nov. 1996	
	(e) Training material developed for magistrates, officers of Police Judiciaire and court clerks		(e) July-Sept. 1996	
	(f) Three group training activities organized and carried out for magistrates and officers of Police Judiciaire		(f) Sept.-Nov. 1996	
	(g) Programme designed for human rights training of primary and secondary school teachers; preparatory seminar held		(g) Nov. 1996	
	(h) Training manual prepared for military		(h)(i) July-Dec. 1996	
	(i) Comprehensive human rights training for Armed Forces elaborated			
	(j) Events organized with NGOs to celebrate Universal Declaration of Human Rights		(j) Dec. 1996	

Country/ region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Burundi (cont.)	(k) Provision of advice on national institutions concerning legislation for a national human rights commission		(k) May 1996 Bujumbura	
Burundi (new project)	Project for legal assistance programme has been formulated	Voluntary Fund	Bujumbura	Project to be implemented in 1997
Cambodia	(a) Assistance in legislative reform: legal and drafting advice to various government ministries and departments, and to commissions and members of the National Assembly on the development of various laws	Regular budget Trust Fund for a Human Rights Education Programme in Cambodia	(a) Throughout 1996	Ongoing programme of assistance, coordinated and implemented by Cambodia Office. For detailed information, see documents A/51/552 and E/CN.4/1997/84
	(b) Judicial mentors programme: deployment of three legal experts to assist the courts at provincial level		(b) Throughout 1996	
	(c) First stage of consultancy on non-custodial options for the criminal justice system		(c) Dec. 1996	
	(d) Financial support, ongoing advice and cooperation, including support to staff, a centre for legal research and documentation and a training course for human rights officers		(d) Mar.-Dec. 1996	
	(e) Consultancy to Ministry of the Interior on acquisition of criminal forensic capacity		(e) May 1996	
	(f) Technical assistance on reporting obligations to Inter-Ministerial Sub-Committees on ICCPR, CRC, CAT, CEDAW and ICESCR		(f) July-Dec. 1996	
	(g) Study tour to Geneva for two senior government officials		(g) March 1996	

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Cambodia (cont.)	(h) Grant to the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Reporting Obligations		(h) June 1996	
	(i) Grants to seven NGOs for education, training, and monitoring activities		(i) Throughout 1996	
	(j) Grants to 14 NGOs for human rights projects		(j) May 1996	
	(k) Assistance to NGOs for: needs assessments, strengthening capacity building, human rights activities and seminars, coordination in the forming of committees		(k) Throughout 1996	
	(l) Dissemination of over 49,000 official human rights documents to government officials and Cambodian NGOs		(l) Throughout 1996	
	(m) Assisted in a 16-week lawyer's training course at the Cambodian Bar Association		(m) Feb.-June 1996	
	(n) Assistance to NGOs in conducting human rights training courses for police		(n) Jan.-Dec. 1996	
	(o) Workshop for NGOs to upgrade training methodology in conducting human rights training for police		(o) April 1996	
	(p) Three training workshops to NGOs and the Centre's provincial offices on human rights training of prison officials curriculum; five subsequent workshops in four prisons		(p) July-Dec. 1996	
	(q) Assisted United States Naval Justice School in conducting a training course for military officers		(q) Jan. 1996	

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Cambodia (cont.)	(r) Human rights training course for officers at the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces Military Officers' School		(r) April 1996	
	(s) Thirty-seven human rights workshops for Royal Cambodian Armed Forces		(s) Jan.- Dec. 1996	
	(t) Developed and integrated Royal Gendarmerie human rights training curriculum and trained officers, who conducted training courses for gendarmes		(t) June- Dec. 1996	
	(u) Developed minority rights training curriculum		(u) Aug. 1996	
	(v) Assisted NGOs in conducting 19 various human rights training workshops on: minority rights, anti-HIV/AIDS discrimination, developing techniques of training and investigation/monitoring		(v) Sept.- Dec. 1996	
	(w) Developed human rights training curriculum and assisted in training of Buddhist monks		(w) Sept.- Dec. 1996	
	(x) Three provincial human rights officers provided ongoing assistance to local government officials and NGOs in human rights education and training		(x) Throughout 1996	
Cameroon	Needs assessment mission carried out	Voluntary Fund	September 1996 Yaoundé	Request based on resolution adopted by Central African Union of States Meeting on Regional Security
Chile	Project for development of educational materials is being formulated	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	As requested by Government/ ILADES; project to be implemented in 1997

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Croatia	Needs assessment mission carried out	Voluntary Fund	Oct./Nov. 1996	Project document being developed based on needs assessment
Ecuador	Provision of human rights publications		October 1996	Publications provided
El Salvador	Two projects for strengthening police capacity in compliance with human rights standards and for training and documentation for strengthening the human rights protection system have been formulated and approved	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	Implementation of projects will commence in 1997
Equatorial Guinea	(a) Project monitoring mission	Voluntary Fund	(a) Jan. 1996	Project completed and to be evaluated in Jan./Feb. 1997
	(b) Training course on the administration of justice		(b) Apr. 1996	
	(c) Training course on women's rights		(c) Apr. 1996	
	(d) Training course for law enforcement officers		(d) June 1996	
	(e) Training course for local administrative authorities		(e) July 1996	
	(f) Project evaluation mission		(f) Early 1997 Malabo	
Gabon	Request received from the Government for technical assistance in strengthening of human rights. Preparations and arrangements made for a needs assessment mission	Voluntary Fund	July 1996	Needs assessment to be undertaken in Jan. 1997
Georgia	(a) Advice from the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions concerning legislation for a national human rights institution	Voluntary Fund	(a) Jan. 1996	Project under discussion with the Government
	(b) Project formulation mission		(b) Feb. 1996	

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Guatemala	(a) Monitoring of the repatriation of refugees from Mexico by the representative of the Independent Expert	Voluntary Fund	(a) Completed in April 1996	Independent expert's representative posted in Guatemala until April 1996;
	(b) Project formulation mission on strengthening national capacities in the field of human rights in cooperation with MINUGUA and UNDP		(b) May 1996 Guatemala City	a new project approved and signed by the Government will commence in Jan. 1997
Guinea-Bissau	(a) Request for technical assistance in the revision and codification of legislation concerning the family	Voluntary Fund	(a) June 1996	New activities to be formulated based on project evaluation mission
	(b) Project evaluation mission		(b) Dec. 1996	
Haiti	(a) Support to the National Truth and Justice Commission	Voluntary Fund	(a) July-Dec. 1995	Multi-component country project signed by the Government in Nov. 1996; to be implemented in 1997
	(b) Follow-up mission to develop project implementation modalities with the Government		(b)(c) Nov. 1996 Port-au-Prince	
	(c) Training programme for the judiciary and recruitment of project manager			
Kuwait	Needs assessment mission carried out at the request of the Government	Regular budget	March 1996	Mission report and documents submitted to the Government; action pending response
Latvia	Capacity development of the Latvian Human Rights Office	Voluntary Fund		Senior project adviser has been in place since
	(a) On-site provision of advice and training on institutional development of the Human Rights Office by the senior project adviser		(a) June-Dec. 1996	July 1996 to provide advice to the National Human Rights Office
	(b) Extensive advice and several missions by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions		(b) Dec. 1996	

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Latvia (cont.)	(c) Provision of advice on women's rights		(c) Oct. 1996	
	(d) Two fellowships for training on reporting obligations		(d) Nov. 1996	
	(e) Training for NGOs on United Nations human rights mechanisms		(e) Sept. 1996 Riga	
Lesotho	Needs assessment mission carried out	Voluntary Fund	December 1996	Project document being developed based on needs assessment
Madagascar	Needs assessment mission carried out	Voluntary Fund	Nov./Dec. 1996	Project document being developed based on needs assessment
Malawi	(a) Seminar on the national plan of action	Voluntary Fund	(a) Feb. 1996	Ongoing assistance for democratization, human rights and the rule of law since 1992. CHR office operating in Lilongwe since 1995. Project for 1996-1997 under implementation
	(b) Training course for the police		(b) Aug. 1996	
	(c) Workshop on the establishment of a national compensation tribunal		(c) Oct. 1996	
	(d) Workshop on the investigation of past human rights abuses		(d) Oct. 1996	
	(e) Project monitoring mission		(e) Nov. 1996	
	(f) Advisory services to the Inspectorate of Prisons		(f) through (m) Jan.-Nov. 1996	
	(g) Assistance in reporting obligations under human rights treaties			
	(h) Strengthening of human rights NGOs			
	(i) Distribution of human rights documentation		Lilongwe and Blantyre	
	(j) Advisory services provided on draft law on NGOs			

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Malawi (cont.)	(k) Advice on the Law Commission (l) Advisory services provided on developing the Human Rights Commission (m) Advice provided on the Ombudsman			
Mauritius	Needs assessment mission carried out	Voluntary Fund	Nov./Dec. 1996	Project document based on needs assessment being developed
Moldova	(a) Project for strengthening capacities and infrastructure for the protection and promotion of human rights has been formulated and signed (b) Advice provided by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions (c) Participation in joint workshop with UNDP relating to the establishment of independent national institutions	Voluntary Fund	(a) Dec. 1996 Geneva (b) 1996 (c) May 1996	Project formulated based upon HC/CHR and UNDP needs assessment; to be implemented in 1997
Mongolia	(a) Expert consultancy mission for revision of criminal legislation (b) Seminar on National Institutions (c) Workshop on New Legislation and New Approach to Practice in Criminal Justice (d) Three study tours in Geneva for three Mongolian human rights NGOs (e) Provision of books and equipment to Supreme Court	Voluntary Fund	(a) completed in March 1996 (b) April 1996 (c) July, Aug. 1996 (d) Mar.-Apr. 1996 (e) June-Dec. 1996	Ongoing multi-component country project; a project management team was established in Ulaanbaatar in November 1995 to coordinate the implementation of the project in 1996-1997

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Mongolia (cont.)	(f) Translation and publication of international human rights instruments and human rights dictionary		(f) Mid-1996	
	(g) Training course on the responsibilities of the legal profession		(g) Sept. 1996 Ulaanbaatar	
	(h) Mid-term monitoring mission		(h) Oct. 1996	
	(i) NGO workshop on legal status of NGOs		(i) Dec. 1996	
Morocco	Project formulation mission focusing on introducing human rights curricula in primary and secondary schools	Voluntary Fund	Sept. 1996 Rabat	Project formulated and will be implemented in 1997
Namibia	Project formulation mission carried out	Voluntary Fund	June 1996 Geneva	Project document finalized; project to be implemented in 1997
Nepal	(a) Consultation with Government and NGOs	Voluntary Fund	(a) Feb. 1996	Two-year multi-component project of support to national institutions and civil society commenced in 1996
	(b) Training courses for police		(b) Nov. 1996	
	(c) Provision of detailed advice by Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions relating to draft legislation for a national human rights commission		(c) Jan. 1996 Katmandu	
Palestine	(a) Project office established in November 1996	Voluntary Fund	(a) Nov. 1996 Gaza	Two year multi-component project of support for the rule of law, under implementation
	(b) Grant provided to Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizen Rights to strengthen its field service capacity		(b) Dec. 1996 West Bank and Gaza	
Panama	National project for strengthening implementation of human rights in the National Police has been formulated	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	To be implemented in 1997

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Papua New Guinea	(a) Project formulation mission carried out (b) Senior adviser deployed for four months to advise the Government on drafting of legislation and development of a national human rights institution (c) Advice provided by Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions	Voluntary Fund	(a) Feb. 1996 (b) Aug.-Dec. 1996 (c) Nov. 1996	First phase of assistance for the establishment of a national institution is to be completed in April 1997; second phase, for capacity development of the National Commission, subject to the passing of necessary legislation
Paraguay	Preparatory assistance for national consultations and discussions on the drafting and the adoption of a national human rights plan	Voluntary Fund	1996 Asuncion	Project delayed owing to changes in the Ministry of Justice; consultations with the new authorities have been undertaken
Philippines	Needs assessment mission in the administration of juvenile justice carried out	Voluntary Fund	July 1996	Project to be formulated
Russian Federation	United Nations/NGO consultation on follow-up of Beijing Platform for Action	Regular budget	April 1996	Participation of resource person of HC/CHR in cooperation with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service
Rwanda	Agreements formulated to: assist the Ministry of Justice in reviewing legislation and administrative practices; assist the Penitentiary Services; assist the Division of Judicial Police of the Ministry of Justice through: (a) Twenty-eight training courses on arrest and detention procedures for law enforcement, military, judicial and prison officials	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva (a) Feb.-Nov. 1996	Except (i), all activities are implemented by the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda, established by the High Commissioner for Human Rights; activities will continue through 1997

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Rwanda (cont.)	(b) Nine training courses for the military on protection and promotion of human rights in post-genocide Rwanda		(b) March, July, Aug., Oct. 1996	
	(c) Detainee database project - monitoring of registered detainees; tracking compliance with legal procedures in arrests and detention		(c) Aug. 1996 - July 1997	
	(d) Thirty-seven human rights training courses to gendarmes at the Ecole Nationale de la Gendarmerie and in the Kibungo and Kigali prefectures		(d) June-July 1996 Oct. 1996	
	(e) Distribution of literature on law and human rights to the Ecole Nationale de la Gendarmerie		(e) Sept. 1996	
	(f) Three training courses on human rights for communal police cadets		(f) Nov. 1996	
	(g) Support of the study of Gacaca (Rwandan customary law)		(g) Feb.-June 1996	
	(h) Programme of 38 activities for furthering human rights education in various target groups, focusing on: cultural and educational events in the community (theatre, banners, Journée de l'Enfant), training courses on women's and children's rights, training courses for teachers and students, training courses on the administration of justice		(h) Jan.-Oct. 1996	
	(i) Training Programme for Senior Military Instructors of the Rwandan Patriotic Army		(i) Feb. 1997 Kigali	

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Sao Tome and Principe	(a) Provision of human rights publications to Judicial Library (b) Training course on women's rights (c) Final evaluation of project	Voluntary Fund	(a) April-May 1996 (b) June 1996 (c) Nov. 1996 Sao Tome	Three-year multi-component project completed
Slovakia	Project evaluation mission	Voluntary Fund	March 1996 Slovakia	Project completed in 1996
South Africa	(a) Comprehensive needs assessment mission carried out (b) Project formulation mission carried out to finalize project design	Voluntary Fund	(a) Mar. 1996 (b) Nov. 1996 Pretoria	Project addressing effects of past discrimination with a focus on economic, social and cultural rights has been prepared and will be implemented in 1997
Sri Lanka	Advice by Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions concerning legislation to establish a human rights commission	Voluntary Fund	1996	
Sudan	Provision of human rights education publications	Regular budget	Oct. 1996	Publications provided
Thailand	Mission by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions to address the Thai Parliament Standing Commission on Justice and Human Rights	Voluntary Fund	Oct. 1996	
Togo	(a) Training course on reporting under human rights treaties and human rights issues for members of the interministerial committee	Voluntary Fund	(a) April 1996	Multi-component project in support of democratic culture and the rule of law commenced in 1996; national project manager in place

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Togo (cont.)	(b) Training course on reporting under human rights treaties and human rights issues for the National Commission on Human Rights and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs		(b) June 1996	
	(c) Training course on human rights, democracy and rule of law for senior military officers		(c) Oct. 1996	
	(d) Workshop to develop national plan of action in the field of human rights		(d) Dec. 1996	
	(e) Monitoring mission		(e) Dec. 1996 Lome	
Uganda	Advice provided by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions	Voluntary Fund	1996	
Viet Nam	Project formulation mission on juvenile justice	Voluntary Fund	March 1996	Project proposal under consideration by the Government
Global: Annual fellowship programme	The theme of the 1996 fellowship programme was "Reporting under international human rights treaties"; the 19-day programme was comprised of intensive training activities based upon the HC/CHR published training package	Regular budget (16 fellows); Voluntary Fund (5 fellows); Trust Fund for Cambodia (1 fellow)	4-22 Nov. 1996 Turin, Geneva	21 government officials benefited from this training of trainers course
Global: Womens' rights	Project for the integration of a gender perspective into technical cooperation practices and procedures has been formulated	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	Project to be implemented in 1997
Global: Economic, social and cultural rights	Project for the integration of economic, social and cultural rights into technical cooperation practices and procedures has been formulated	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	Project to be implemented in 1997

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Global: Peace-keeping and human rights	Training courses on peace-keeping and human rights for United Nations military and civilian police instructors	Voluntary Fund	May-June 1996 Turin	Training course organized in cooperation with DPKO and the ILO Training Centre
Global: Peace-keeping, human rights and humanitarian assistance	Training courses on peace-keeping, human rights, and humanitarian assistance for United Nations military and civilian police instructors	Voluntary Fund	Nov.-Dec. 1996 Turin	Training courses organized in cooperation with DPKO, UNHCR, and the United Nations Staff College
Global: Human rights and peace-keeping	Training courses for CIVPOL monitors in the former Yugoslavia	Regular budget	(a) Jan. and March 1996 Zagreb	Project activities completed during 1996; evaluation pending
Global: Human rights monitoring	(a) Induction briefing for OSCE human rights monitors in the former Yugoslavia (b) Workshop for OSCE human rights monitors	Regular budget	(a) Feb. 1996 Vienna (b) June 1996 Bosnia	Project activities completed
Global: Human rights and peace-keeping	(a) Training programme in human rights monitoring and law enforcement for IPTF monitors (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and CIVPOL monitors (Eastern Slavonia) in the former Yugoslavia (b) Field guide on human rights and law enforcement for IPTF and CIVPOL monitors elaborated and published	Voluntary Fund	June-Oct. 1996	All project activities completed during 1996
Global: Human rights and the military	Development of a draft training package for the training of military personnel in human rights; expert consultation meeting on training materials organized and held	Voluntary Fund	May 1996	Draft materials developed; consultation held; remaining programme activities to be completed in 1997

Country/ region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Global: Decade for Human Rights Education	(a) Development of a questionnaire for a survey on human rights educational programmes, materials and organizations at the international level (b) Preparation of guidelines for national plans of action for human rights education (c) Preparation of training materials for prison officers, primary and secondary school teachers, the legal profession, national and local NGOs, the media and human rights monitors; and of handbooks on Constitutions, Parliaments and conflict resolution	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	Two-year project of support to the Decade presently being implemented
Global: Dissemination of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in schools	Consultation with UNESCO for elaboration of a project to support the dissemination of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in schools	Voluntary Fund	1996-1997 Geneva	Project under finalization in cooperation with UNESCO
Global: Costa Rica	Support to the Government of Costa Rica for organization of an expert meeting on human rights pedagogical foundations	Regular budget	July 1996 San José de Costa Rica	Project completed
Interregional: Portuguese-speaking Africa, Commonwealth of Independent States Central Asia	Training programme for senior military instructors from Portuguese-speaking Africa, CIS and Central Asia carried out	Voluntary Fund	April-May 1996 Geneva/Turin	Interregional training programme on human rights for heads of military academies held in Turin in 1996

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Regional: Arab region	Strengthening capacities of non-governmental human rights organizations, in cooperation with the Arab Institute for Human Rights in Tunis (Regional and national training courses for NGOs held respectively in Tunis and Jordan in December)	Voluntary Fund	Commenced in June 1996 Tunis	Ongoing support since 1992; a new 1996-1997 project under implementation
Regional: Latin America (Central America)	Improvement of Central American prison systems (preparatory assistance). Study being undertaken in region and will be discussed in seminar in April 1997. Regional plan of action for improvement of the prisons will be elaborated	Voluntary Fund	Commenced in September 1996	Project under implementation in cooperation with ILANUD.
Regional: Asian and Pacific region	(a) First regional workshop of national institutions in the Asia-Pacific region (b) Support to the new Asia and Pacific regional forum by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions	Voluntary Fund	(a)(b) July 1996 Darwin	Project activities completed
Regional: Asian and Pacific region	Fourth regional workshop to facilitate the establishment of regional arrangements for the protection and promotion of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region	Regular budget	Feb. 1996 Nepal	Project activities completed
Regional: Africa	Regional project formulated in partnership with OAU focusing on development of human rights training capacities within military academies in African countries	Voluntary Fund	Postponed to March 1997	To be organized in 1997 in cooperation with OAU
Regional: Africa	Support to the First Regional Conference of African National Human Rights Institutions	Regular budget	Feb. 1996 Yaoundé	Participation of resource persons from HC/CHR and support to participants
Regional: Latin America (Central America)	Project for strengthening of the police and improvement of the application of international human rights standards in Central America and Panama has been formulated	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	Project under implementation in cooperation with ILANUD

Country/ region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Regional: Latin America (Andean region)	Project for the establishment of a network of judicial information and the training of magistrates in the Andean region has been formulated	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	Project under implementation in cooperation with the Andean Commission of Jurists
Regional: Latin America	Regional training course for government officials on the preparation of periodic reports to United Nations human rights treaty bodies	Regular budget	November 1996 Mar del Plata, Argentina	26 participants from 16 countries in Latin America, and Equatorial Guinea
Regional: Africa	Design of project to strengthen the capacities of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights	Voluntary Fund	1996 Geneva	Project to be implemented in 1997
Regional: Eastern Europe	Strengthening regional cooperation among national human rights instititutions in CIS as well as Eastern and Central Europe	Voluntary Fund	1996 Moldova	Project completed

Annex II

UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Annual balance sheet as of 31 December 1996*

(working paper for programming purposes)

	US dollars
1. INCOME IN 1996	
Pledges and contributions received in 1996	4 789 632
Interest income	276 239
Total income	5 065 871
2. EXPENDITURE IN 1996	
Unliquidated obligations and disbursement	4 678 415
Programme support costs	608 194
Total expenditure	5 286 609
3. AVAILABLE PROGRAMMING RESOURCES	
Programming deficit as of 31 December 1996 (Item 1 less item 2)	220 738
Fund balance as of 1 January 1996 (Funds accumulated as of 31 December 1995)	7 362 863
Total available programming resources	7 142 125

* This balance sheet has been prepared by the Centre for Human Rights. As such, it should not be considered a United Nations financial document. The sources of information are the quarterly status report on contributions to the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation as of 31 January 1997 (which is available at the Secretariat), the statement of income and expenditure as of 30 November 1996, as well as the allotment report as of 31 December 1996, the latter two of which are issued by the Accounts Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva. The figures given under item 5 are estimates based upon the relevant project budgets.

	US dollars
4. PROJECTED BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS	
Ongoing projects (Financial requirements to carry out ongoing project activities)	10 638 562
Pipeline projects (Total budget for project proposals in an advanced stage of preparation)	3 937 184
Total requirements	14 575 746
5. ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (Item 4 less item 3)	7 433 621

Annex III

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights

Yearly contributions as of 31 December 1996

(United States dollars)

Government	1987 & 1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Total paid by country	Outstanding pledge	Total paid + pledged
Australia	-	-	8 815	15 601	-	13 480	234 300	802 446	63 840	-	1 138 482	-	1 138 482
Austria	10 000	10 000	-	20 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	19 982	19 983	-	139 965	150 000	289 965
Belgium	-	-	-	-	134 284	265 509	402 055	522 097	432 690	-	1 756 635	282 965	2 039 600
Cameroon	-	-	-	-	-	1 811	-	-	-	-	1 811	-	1 811
Canada	113 636	-	-	-	-	-	-	72 632	-	-	186 268	-	186 268
Colombia	-	-	-	10 000	10 000	10 000	10 000	10 000	9 580	-	59 580	-	59 580
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500	-	1 000	-	1 000
Denmark	-	-	108 493	264 492	51 640	218 665	244 600	110 000	268 408	-	1 266 298	253 807	1 520 105
Finland	12 195	71 288	135 160	370 719	324 855	186 350	210 338	247 965	220 708	-	1 779 578	-	1 779 578
France	-	115 229	175 116	342 894	103 373	127 273	245 776	227 869	135 397	-	1 472 927	28 854	1 501 781
Germany	24 054	21 755	23 557	23 454	26 931	71 411	171 454	144 927	136 986	-	644 529	-	644 529
Greece	-	-	-	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 000	6 000	6 000	-	32 000	-	32 000
Hungary	-	2 500	2 500	-	2 485	-	-	-	-	-	7 485	-	7 485
India	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 000	-	20 000	-	20 000
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	16 000	-	-	-	-	16 000	-	16 000
Ireland	-	-	-	3 572	5 815	14 805	45 120	145 728	117 750	-	332 790	-	332 790

Government	1987 & 1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Total paid by country	Outstanding pledge	Total paid + pledged
Italy	50 000	19 985	257 585	133 543	634 921	193 065	-	-	-	-	1 289 099	-	1 289 099
Japan	-	50 000	50 000	50 000	100 000	100 000	500 000	600 000	-	-	1 450 000	-	1 450 000
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 000	-	3 000	-	3 000
Luxembourg	-	-	-	5 934	6 050	5 571	136 000	149 200	17 698	-	320 453	-	320 453
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 000	-	5 000	-	5 000
Netherlands	46 713	50 652	60 676	-	-	-	282 638	206 940	-	-	647 619	177 166	824 785
New Zealand	10 432	9 392	9 432	9 427	25 268	15 957	21 442	19 823	51 055	-	172 228	-	172 228
Norway	157 356	152 200	8 256	253 008	-	376 845	50 350	785 000	103 983	-	1 886 998	725 000	2 611 998
Panama	-	-	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000	2 000	-	-	7 000	-	7 000
Philippines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 000	-	5 000	-	5 000
Portugal	-	-	-	10 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 000	-	10 000
Rep. of Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	100 000	100 000	100 000	-	300 000	-	300 000
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	25 226	25 226
Sweden	334 616	-	31 543	332 881	607 619	487 954	-	764 365	369 656	-	2 928 634	75 188	3 003 822
Switzerland	-	-	36 424	41 059	59 626	63 509	213 406	179 332	211 207	125 000	929 563	-	929 563
Togo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1 832	1 832
United Kingdom	34 820	56 775	8 685	57 370	-	52 923	-	212 729	46 153	-	469 455	-	469 455
United States	-	-	-	-	-	-	198 000	1 025 000	-	-	1 223 000	-	1 223 000
Uruguay	-	1 000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 000	-	1 000
Subtotals	793 822	560 776	917 242	1 949 954	2 118 867	2 247 128	3 091 479	6 354 535	2 344 594	125 000	20 503 397	1 720 038	22 223 435

Non-governmental organizations	1987 & 1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Total paid by organization	Outstanding pledge	Total paid + pledged
Fond. Cult. Islamic	5 282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 282	-	5 282
Minnesota Lawyers									-	-			
International Human Rights Committee	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	100
Peace prize									-	-			
Centre for Human Rights	-	4 269	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 269	-	4 269
Others									-	-			
Sale of human rights watches	-	15 814	8 853	-	-	8 000	-	-	-	-	32 667		32 667
K. Winckler Trust	-	-	-	73 969	-	-	-	-	-	-	73 969	-	73 969
Japan Fed. Bar Associations	-	-	-	43 595	-	-	-	-	-	-	43 595	-	43 595
Subtotals	5 382	20 083	8 853	117 564	0	8 000	0	0	0	0	159 882	0	159 882
Grand totals	799 204	580 859	926 095	2 067 518	2 118 867	2 255 128	3 091 479	6 354 535	2 344 594	125 000	20 663 279	1 720 038	22 383 317